(a) whether Government is considering several proposals for the construction of Highways and Expressways in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, project-wise; and

(c) the details of sub-ways, underpass and over-bridge being constructed of Highways and Expressways and by when these will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Following new projects are planned to be taken up in Punjab under different phases of National Highway Development Project:

(i) Four laning of Pathankot-Amritsar section of NH- 15, Jalandhar-Dhilwan section of NH-1 and Ludhiana - Talwandi section of NH- 95

(ii) Four/six laning of Ludhiana-Chandigarh section of NH- 95

No expressway is proposed by the Central Govt. in the State of Punjab.

(c) Details of Subways, Underpasses, Grade separators/flyovers and Road Over Bridges (ROBs) planned/being constructed on National Highways in Punjab are as under:

NH	Subways	Underpass Nos.	Grade separators/ flyovers Nos	Rubs Nos	Likely completion
1	-	40	46	12	Nov., 2011
1A	-	7	2	3	Dec. 2010
21	-	3	2	1	June, 2010
22	-	1	-	1	Aug, 2010

Road accidents on National Highways

558. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is growing number of road accidents on the National Highway;

(b) the steps taken by Government to prevent such accidents in future; and

(c) whether Government will take steps to provide modernized medical facilities for those affected in the accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA): (a) The number of road accidents that occurred on the National Highways has decreased during the year 2007 (the latest available data). The number of road accidents on National Highways, year-wise, from the year 2003 to 2007 is at Statement. (*S*ee below)

(b) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this Ministry has taken several steps to improve road safety for road users which are as under:

(i) Road safety is an integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

(ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India.

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector being implemented by the Ministry since 1997-98 under plan activities,

(iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and National Highways Authority of India.

(v) Setting up of Driving Training School in the country.

(vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness both through the audio-visual and print media.

(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

(c) During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Government has approved a proposal of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for establishment of an integrated network of Trauma Centres along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West Corridors of the National Highways by upgrading the trauma care facilities in 140 identified State Government hospitals, at a total outlay of Rs. 732.75 crore. Setting up of the integrated network of Trauma Centres along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East West Corridors will ensure that each accident victim on these corridors is able to get competent medical assistance within the shortest possible time thereby saving precious lives. The trauma care network has been so designed that no trauma victim has to be transported for more than 50 kilometer. The project comprises of well equipped life support Ambulances at every 50 Kilometer of the completed stretches of the National Highways with well-equipped & staffed trauma centre at every 100-200 Kilometer of the National Highways.

Statement

Road Accidents on National Highways

Year	No. of Road Accidents on National Highways	Annual Growth rate (%)
2003	127834	--
2004	130265	1.9
2005	129994	(-) 0.2
2006	140158	7.8
2007	138922	(-)0.9

Construction of six lane road on NH 11 and 12

†559.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders have been given to any company for construction of six lane road between Jaipur and Sikar on National Highway No. 11 and between Jaipur and Kota on National Highway No. 12 respectively;

(b) the time schedule for the completion of this work; and

(c) the policy of Government regarding the construction of six lane road from Kota to Jhalawar and upto Teendhar and from Sikar to Bikaner on National Highway No. 11?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Stretches between Jaipur and Sikar on National Highway No. 11 and between Jaipur and Kota on National Highway No. 12 have not been identified for six-laning under National Highways Development Project(NHDP). However, Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar section of NH 11 and Jaipur-Tonk-Deoli-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH 12 have been identified for four laning under NHDP Phase III on BOT (Toll) basis. Bids for Jaipur-Reengus of NH 11 have been invited. Bids for Jaipur -Tonk-Deoli section of NH 12 have been received. Feasibility study of Reengus-Sikar section of NH 11 and Deoli-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH 12 is in progress.

(c) The stretches from Kota-Jhalawar section of NH 12 and Sikar-Bikaner section of NH 11 have not been identified for six-laning under NHDP.

Delay in work on the East-West and North-South corridors

560. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on the East-West and North-South corridors has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi